# FRENCH ANSWER BRITISH CHARGES; BANISH CLOUD OVER CONFERENCE

shall agree to prohibit the use of the submarine against merchant ships and that pending such an agreemen ence shall consent to do so. The third clause makes violation of the rules an

act of piracy.
The United States and Great Britthe United states and Great Errors in favored these regulations. The French, Italian and Japanese representatives asked to be excused from going on record until they heard from protest against the new rule.

The American proposal to limit aux-fliary craft to 10,000 tons was agreed to by the United States, Great Britain, Italy and Japan, the French delegates expressing a desire to hear from their Government before committing themsolves. The French delegates joined with their other associates, however, in approving the American proposal to fix eight inch guns as the maximum armament for auxiliary vessels.

The plan to define the status of and limit aircraft carriers was revised after considerable discussion as a top

Britain each five ships of this type carrying eight inch guns with an ag-gregate tonnage of 135,000; Japan, hree carriers totaling \$1,000 tons, and France and Italy 60,000 tons each, with the understanding that the maxi-mum tonnage of each shall not exceed

The French request for authority to inaugurate a replacement campaign as to hattleships after a heliday of six instead of ten years as proposed in the agreement on the part of the United States, Great Britain and Japan was referred to a committee of naval experts to work out the technical details. Similar reference was made of the proposition to establish the proper ratio for merchant ships that may be iverted into auxiliary craft.

### Great Difficulty Not Expected.

The French delegates did not indi-

American delegates to believe there would be no great difficulty in completing the naval program.

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The naval experts of this country, however, are not so optimistic as the political and diplomatic delegates of the United States and Great Britain in this respect. They would not be surprised if the French delegates received instructions to insist on a received instructions to insist on a received instructions to insist on a re-placement program that will result in

wondered whether some of the fault was not that of the other Powers in that they have failed to see France as isted among American officials and conference representatives was inspired by uncertainties like that which characterized the discussion of the

# STEED, DEPARTING, LAUDS CONFERENCE

done it might then be possible not only to solve the question of Germany but afterward to brigade Germany with France, England, Italy and perhaps even the United States in seeking a solution for the even greater question of Russia. That question can only be solved by the frankest international cooperation between peoples for the purposes of peace, that President Harding and the American Administration have deserved so well of the whole civilized world."

Introduced by Mr. Munsey.

Mr. Steed was introduced by Mr. tunsey, who paid warm tribute to Lord ortholiffe, Mr. Steed and the London fines. Each, he said, he considered coupying the topmost plane in the uni-

cocupying the topmost plane in the universe of journalism.

"I consider Lord Northeliffe the ablest man in Europe," he said. "I might change that to the most powerful man in Europe, it is a fortunate thing for America that the editor of the great London Times should be here, a happy thing that he should be with us and come to know America first hand. He has done magnificent work as correspondent for his own newspaper and I feel a great satisfaction in being able to have had his dispatches for The New York Herald."

Breaking Down Barriers.

Mr. Sisson said that it was the neces-

ORK HERALD."

Mr. Vanderlip said, in part:

London Editor Gives Impressions at Farewell Dinner Here.

### SYMPATHY FOR FRANCE

Hopes for Agreement That Will Lull Her Fear of Germany.

EUROPE IS DISCUSSED

Francis H. Sisson, Frank A.

Vanderlip and Frank A.

Munsey Are Speakers.

The esteem in which he is held by American newspaper men was conveyed to H. Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times, in the fountain room of the Hotel Biltmore last night, where he was the guest at dinner of William W. Hawkins, president of the United Press.

Mr. Steed, who is returning to Lon
The Mr. Vanderlip said, in part:

"There are not two worlds to deal with now, but one world. America is called provincial in Europe, but I never encountered greater provincialism than I did upon the continent of Europe, to an understanding of economic unity or they shall perish. The consequences of what I believe worse than those of the war—I refer to those of the peace conference—are now and only now beginning to be felt.

"We must learn to speak European and to think European. In this single and not double world of eurs we are to be guided by our journalists. They must learn the language of Europe, to think with Europe thinks it. There never has been a time when there was a greater need in journalism for a greater display of diplomacy and intelligence."

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The other speakers were Frank A. Mansey, Horbert Bayard Swope and William B. Colver.

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Talks of Conference. Mr. Steed in his speech said:

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the final filler summer great commerce and the property of the state of the property of t second Root proposal to-day emphasized this fact. In expressing his fact in expressing his approval of the second Root clause Lord Lee aroused the resentment of the French delegates by reading an article written by Capt. Castex of the French navy, and published during January, 1920, in the Review Martine, at technical and official periodical. Lord Lee read several extracts from his article. One of them was:

Thanks to the submarine, aftermany centuries of effort, thanks to the instrument, the system, the martingale will have been without France? Nearby a place called "Nowhere." France known the instrument, the system, the martingale particles of the foreign Affairs and the world and prought sensitive.

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POINTS YET TO BE SETTLED FOR 5 POWER NAVAL TREATY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—These are the to be gathered up now that the principal issues of the negotiations are out of the way:

1. The naval experts have yet to work out detailed agreements under the capital ship settlement, for establishment of a standard tonnage system of measurement, for the replacement building that has been agreed to, for methods of scrapping, for determining the relationship of merchant fleets to war fleets in war time and for prevention of warship construction in any place or manner that would violate the naval holiday.

2. France still has to accept formally the 10,000 ton limit agreed to by the other Powers for individual warships of the auxiliary

3. The first Root resolution reaffirming existing international law principles for regulation of submarine warfare is to be put into final phraseology and formally adopted.

4. The second and third Root resolutions, prohibiting use of submarines against merchant vessels and making illegitimate underwater warfare an act of piracy, are yet to be accepted or rejected by France, Italy and Japan.

5. The complete capital ship agreement, the agreement on airplane carriers, the auxiliary craft limitation and the resolutions finally accepted regarding submarines are to be put into a five Power treaty and formally signed.

## SUBMARINE PIRACY BANNED BY U.S., BRITAIN AND ITALY

rriers. He spoke of the American nughboy slogan written, after the mistice, upon the door of a French

amendment to make the liability bindunder any conceivable circumstances our present allies, our late comrade in arms, in the greatest war the world has ever known, should contemplate the possibility of warfare of that kind."

Chance for France to Make Good.

amendment to make the llability binding on all commanders when the rules had been accepted as international law. Mr. Root said the point was important Hughes again suggested deferment of discussion and brought up instead the resolution proposing limitation of auxiliary craft to 10,000 tons and eight inch

verting merchantmen into auxiliary warships, Mr. Hughes said, would be

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## CHINESE BELLICOSE, FEAR JAPAN WINS

Probable Refusal of Conference to Review '21 Demands' Based on Root's Remark.

TREATY WAS A TREATY

Japanese Delegates Express Confidence Shantung Question Will Be Settled.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERAL

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 30. {
Discouragement was expressed to-day
by spokesmen for the Chinese delegation relative to Far Eastern settlements.
The Chinese are in a belligerent mood
and see Japan walking off with everything she wanted in the conference and
with the other Powers acquiescing. Up
to this time the attitude of the American
delegation on the problems now under
consideration and likely to arise has not
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In spite of this silence the probable refusal of the conference to consider the Sino-Japanese agreement of 1915, the outgrowth of Japan's "twenty-one demands," is predicated upon a statement reported by a British spokesman as having been made by Elihu Root.

This statement, quoted to-day, was made in a former meeting of the Far Eastern committee and was to the effect that "after all, a treaty was a treaty."

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Lord Lee urged that a way of disavouril for the French of such intentions around for the Root resolution proposing limitation of axis.

Admiral Baron Kato gave the acception No. 2. banning submarines for the pointed out, however, that unless the equire submarines for purposes of defense. We have had differences of opinion as to the utility of submarines for these purposes, but now, it seems to make the freak purposes and ships now existing. He provided that they mean what they say in regard to this."

No ship of war hereafter built, other than a capital ship, with a calleer in the wording of the resolution, while it is re-visited by any ship of war hereafter built, other than a capital ship, with a calleer in the ferminal purpose. The controlling factor is to discussion and brought up instead the decipital them. The french as the full out, however, that unless the details and innanciers of every while the points of the first of the first of the first of the first of the fir

would be settled, but through the yielding of China.

The Chinese delegates are not holding out any threats of adandoning the conference. They apparently are determined to see it through, but acknowledge that the pressure from home to have them do so is constantly increasing.

### Conference Doings.

GREEMENT was reached that no Power signing the treaty to be drawn later should construct any auxiliary vessel here-after with a tonnage of more than

In addition a virtual agreement was reached for limitation in the tonnage of airplane carriers, the United States and Great Britain to have 135,000, Japan \$1,000 and France and Italy 60,000 each. American officials and delegates expressed satisfaction with the

progress of the main topics under discussion despite the attitude of France on submersibles.

Decision to ban submarine piracy

came from four Pewers, France de ciding to await instructions fro Paris before signing the agreement ession would be held on Wednes day or Thursday. Some of the delegates booked passage for home

## **ECONOMIC SCHEME** WOULD INCLUDE U. S.

Premier Briand's declarations in the

## POINDEXTER TO VOTE FOR PACIFIC TREATY

Telegraphs to G. O. P. Leaders

His Position Has Been Misrepresented.

Special Dispatch to Tim New York Himald. New York Herald Bureau, } Washington, D. C., Dec. 30. Opponents of the four Power treaty

when they learned that Senator Poindexter (Wash.), who was reported to ave joined their forces since the agreement was interpreted to include the to Republican leaders, saying his position had been misrepresented and he expected to vote for the treaty when it omes before the Senate for ratifica

tion.

In his message Senator Poindexter stated that he would insist on some reservations to the treaty if it guaranteed the territorial integrity of the insular possessions of Japan in the Pacific, but, according to his interpretation, it does not provide such a guaranteed.

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Correspondent here. "Nothing, it is natural, can be said definitely until the meeting is closed, but personally I am entirely satisfied."

There seems little doubt in view of the French attitude to-day, following Premiers Reliard's declarations in the process.

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Reports reaching Washington are that opposition to the treaty on the Pacific coast is not pronounced and that the efforts of the freeconcilable to foster their cause by appealing to the anti-Japanese sentiment is meeting with little or no success.

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Reports that a survey shows twenty-seven Democratic Senators lined up against the treaty were discredited to-day by its supporters. Senator Fletcher (Flz.), said he felt sure more than eight Democrats would vote for it, "Personally I am strongly inclined to support the agreement" he said.

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When told that the friends of the treaty were figuring on Senator Underwood keeping in line fourteen members of the minority party in support of the treaty, Senator Fletcher replied "I believe that is a very conservative estimate."

Apparently, the irreconcliables have given up all hope of killing the treaty. To-day some of them indicated that the most they could expect would be the adoption of reservations. DIRECT SETTLEMENT

PREFERRED BY JAPAN Hanihara Admits Mediation Over Shantung May Occur.

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